



ESTES PARK
COLORADO

Estes Valley Vehicles

Parked or Stored on residential properties



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OVERVIEW

This handout summarizes regulations that apply to all vehicles that are parked or stored outside of a fully enclosed garage.

Vehicles, recreational equipment and recreational vehicles that are on a lot are considered parked or stored.

These standards do not apply to vehicles parked in the public right-of-way. Staff recommends you contact the Larimer County Sheriff or Estes Park Police Department (depending on jurisdiction) to address such issues.

OWNERSHIP REQUIRED

Only vehicles, recreational equipment and recreational vehicles owned by an occupant of a principal residential building may be parked or stored on the lot.

PASSENGER VEHICLES

Where can vehicles be parked? No parking areas are allowed in required setbacks (see "Setbacks" handout).

Limit on number.

1. No more than four vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot of two acres or smaller.
2. No more than five vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot bigger than two acres but smaller than five acres.
3. No more than six vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot equal to or bigger than five acres, but smaller than ten acres.
4. No more than eight vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot ten acres or larger.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Use of Parked RVs. Recreational equipment and recreational vehicles cannot have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities, nor can they be used for dwelling, business or commercial purposes or for any accessory uses in any zoning district.

Trailers are considered recreational vehicles, even if they are work trailers. ATVs parked on trailers are considered one vehicle.

Where can RVs be parked? Recreational equipment and recreational vehicles cannot be parked closer to the street than the front setback. This means RVs must be at least as far from the road as the house.

Recreational equipment and recreational vehicles may be parked no closer than three (3) feet to a side or rear yard lot line.

Limit on number.

1. On single-family or duplex lots, no more than two pieces of recreational equipment and/or recreational vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot of two acres or smaller.
2. No more than three pieces of recreational equipment and/or recreational vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot greater than two acres in size, but smaller than five acres.
3. No more than four pieces of recreational equipment and/or recreational vehicles can be parked or stored on a lot five acres or larger.
4. On properties such as apartments or condominiums, no more than one piece

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of recreational equipment or one recreational vehicle can be parked or stored for every ten dwelling units.

JUNK VEHICLES

Junk vehicles are not allowed in the Estes Valley.

Junk vehicles are those that are unable to move under their own power, are partially or totally dismantled, or have all or portions of body work missing or substantially damaged, or do not have current registration, or lack proper equipment to the extent that would be unsafe or illegal to use on public streets (see Code Compliance handout).

This does not include vehicles that are in short-term state of repair.

Implements of husbandry, farm tractors, farm or ranch equipment or vehicles customarily operated in a farm or ranch operation are not considered junk vehicles.

COLLECTOR'S VEHICLES

A collector may store one or more collector's item the collector's property if the item and storage area are maintained so as to not constitute a health hazard, a safety hazard, or a fire hazard; are screened from ordinary public view (public road) by means of a solid fence, trees, shrubbery, or other appropriate means; and are kept free of weeds, trash, and objectionable items.

A collector's item means a motor vehicle, including a truck or truck tractor that is of model year 1975 or earlier.

See Title 42 Article 12 of the CRS for additional information regarding collector's vehicles.

Note: This information was summarized from Estes Valley Development Code Section 5.2.B.2.e *Storage or Parking of Trucks, Cars or Major Recreational Equipment*. These regulations can be accessed online at www.estes.org

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